

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

71 W. 35th Street • Steger, IL 60475
708-754-1363 • www.stliborius.org

St. Boniface Catholic Church

5304 W. Main Street • Monee, IL 60449
708-534-9682 • www.stbonifacemonee.org



*Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.
Saint Mary Church - Park Forest
February 21, 2026*

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28

4:30 PM • St. Liborius—Danylle Tottleben (D)

Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Kathleen Kelly (D), Ron Mitchell (D) *Req. by Barb Mitchell*, & People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Frank D. Pisterz (D) & People of the Parish

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

Vocations to the Priesthood

5:00 PM • St. Liborius

Vocations to the Priesthood

Monday, March 2

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Thomas Niemeyer (D) *Req. by Judy Niemeyer*

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—*Communion service*

Tuesday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Richard Nicola (D) *Req. by MaryAnn Nicola*

7:00 PM • St. Liborius—Dave Duncan (D) *Req. by Joe Labanca*

Wednesday, March 4—St. Casimir

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Glory Smart (D) & Marilyn Leader (D) *Req. by Jaime Smart*

Thursday, March 5

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Intentions of the Parish *Req. by Chuck McKenna*

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—*Communion service*

Friday, March 6

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Charlotte Rangel (D)

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—*Communion Service*

Saturday, March 7—Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Souls in Purgatory

4:30 PM • St. Liborius—Clarence Tottleben (D) *Req. by George Tottleben* & the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Julie Przybyla (D) *Req. by Karen Przybyla*

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Kevin Metzner (D) *Req. by Metzner family*

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

The People of the Parish

5:00 PM • St. Liborius

William & Estelle Gavenda (D) *Req. by Bob & AnnMarie Gavenda*

Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Liturgical Ministers

St. Boniface • Sunday, March 8

Lector

Darlene Clark

Eucharistic Minister

Kathy Short

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, Colleen Domke, Donald Domke

Altar Servers

Therese Bogs-Haser, Wayne Haser

St. Liborius • March 7/8

Lector

4:30pm—Bob Baumgartner

10:30am—Barb Herzic

5:00pm—Jeanette Darget

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm—Jim Betourney, Jamie Smart, Maureen Burns, Dave Rudofski

10:30am—Art LeMere, Kathy Krebs, Ted Kulma, Jill Raymond

5:00pm—Jeanette Darget, *additional volunteers needed*

Altar Servers

4:30pm—*Volunteers needed*

10:30am—Isabella Bova & Kenia Hernandez

5:00pm—*Volunteers needed*

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Liborius—Week ending 2/22/26

Sunday Offering.....\$7,267.00

Children's Envelopes.....\$2.50

St. Boniface—Week ending 2/15/26

Sunday Offering.....\$1,839.00

Spanish Mass.....\$657.00



From Our Pastor

Dear Saint Mary Parishioners and Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

Saint Mary Church in Park Forest

Our brothers and sisters at Saint Mary in Park Forest received the sad news last Spring that their parish would be closing. We mourned with them at the loss of a parish into which so much love and care had been poured.

We knew, at that time, that it was possible that the Saint Mary parish buildings would be sold. This matter became more immediate in the last several months as the Diocese of Joliet sought to sell this property and located a buyer. Although we are disappointed that it will no longer be a Catholic church, we are glad that it will still be used for a sacred purpose. Living Creek Christian church and the Diocese of Joliet have come to an agreement and the property has been placed under contract for purchase.

The negotiations involved complete and total disclosure to our Parish Finance Council and me and this was discussed with our parish council at our February meeting. The property was placed under contract prior to Bishop Hick's departure as Ordinary of the Diocese of Joliet. We will likely close on the property sale within the next two months.

Sacred Objects – Files – Et Alia

Some have asked about the sacred objects and other items in the building. These are being carefully and reverently removed from the church, will be stored for the short-term and, eventually, will find a home in Saint Liborius church or Saint Boniface church so that they will have a new life among the faithful. These items will include all of the statues, candlesticks, processional cross as well as the altar, tabernacle, Blessed Sacrament altar and ambo and other smaller items. Thank you to our Saint Liborius Knights of Columbus for their assistance.

Why are these objects not being given to the parishioners of Saint Mary?

These items are meant for sacred worship and veneration and so will be restored and find a home in a sacred place. They should be available for the veneration of all the faithful and so they will. This is the most reverent and sacred use of them. This will allow any Saint Mary parishioner to come to the church to visit and pray before these statues. This is similar to the manner in which the items from Saint Rocco were placed in our church for the veneration of the faithful and preserving of their sacred character. This will also allow these images to be venerated long after the rest of us and even present Saint Mary parishioners have gone to their eternal reward in God's kingdom.

Once these items are refurbished and enshrined in Saint Liborius church or Saint Boniface church, we will have a dedication ceremony to honor Saint Mary church.

Msgr. Erwin Bogs

Erwin Bogs has been such an essential part of life at Saint Boniface church that Fr. Menezes used to call him Monsignor. This last Christmas I gave him a beretta which he proudly wore at Mass when he read. His smile, wry sense of humor and deep faith will be sorely missed as our Lord called him home to Himself last Thursday night. Please pray for the repose of his soul as well as the consolation of his wife, Roberta, and his entire family. May he rest in peace.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Thomas Milota

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

All parents asking for their children to be baptized must attend a Baptismal Prep class. Classes are held on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. @ St. Liborius in the Church, with a reminder notice in the parish bulletin. If a child has already been baptized here no need to attend class again.

Please register for the class by calling the St. Liborius Parish Office at 708-754-1363. Godparents are also encouraged to attend the class. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Families and attendees of the Baptism are encouraged to attend Mass as the Baptisms will commence immediately after Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage preparation must begin a minimum of six months prior to the actual wedding date. Contact the parish office—St. Liborius (708-754-1363) or St. Boniface (708-534-9682) to begin the process.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ.

Due to the Privacy Act, hospitals can no longer inform us when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital. A close relative needs to call either Parish Office—St. Liborius (708-754-1363) or St. Boniface (708-534-9682) to request an anointing.

Our Parish School:

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy
24201 S. Kings Rd., Crete.
Phone: 708-672-3093
www.mtcacademy.org

Dr. Kevin Burns, PhD, President

Mrs. Annie Murray, Principal
amurray@mtcademy.org

All parishioners of St. Liborius / St. Boniface are invited to attend the weekly school Masses at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy on Thursdays at 9:45am when school is in session.

March School Masses: March 5, 12, 19, 26

Please Pray For...

Jerry Bernar, Jr., Kathy Boswell, Bill Brennan, Tom Burns, Kathy Call, Joan Cleghorn, Marie Compton, Czajka Family, Ris Dancer, Rachel Dombroski, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Julie Einhorn, Ken Grakauskas, Liz Greene, Barbara Gromala, Julie Hoyda, Kate Kendrick, Peter Klakow, Terri Koepke, Nancy Koepke, Patti Koopman, Louise Kopaczewski, Dennis and Brenda Lileikis, Joane Males, Amber Mangan, Anthony Mangan, Bethany Mangan, Corrie Mangan, Ivy Mangan, Jeremy Mangan, Maykala Mangan, Nasya Mangan, Gavin Mann, Jimmy Martin, Brenda McCann, Fr. John McGeean, Angela Mills, Bill Moran, Elyse M., Carmin M., John Novak, Fred Nunez, Victoria Nunez-Stuckart, Lloyd Pierce, Nancy Pilotto, Chad Pinnegar, Robert Prete, William P., Michael Rozwalka, Denise Rozwalka, Eligha Sain, Luis Santiago, Ray Smith, Bob Staniec, George Stelma, Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, Mary Truss, Kenyada Wilson, Bill Wogan, RW, Fred Zagone, SJ, Colleen Zwolinski, Debbie Zwolinski, Raymond A. Zwolinski,

- Crete Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedic Departments
- Monee Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedics, and Emergency Management Agency
- Steger Estates Fire and Paramedic Departments
- Steger Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedic Departments

Rest in Peace

Erwin Bogs
Susan Palos
Maricarmen Wilkerson

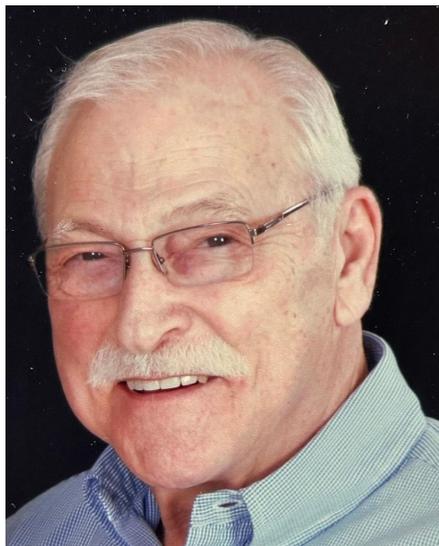
“Why don’t you get into the habit of seeing God in the soul of [each person] you deal with... Rid yourself of self by not thinking of yourself. In this thought, this desire, this act, is there anything of God’s service, God’s glory? If so, think it, desire it, speak it, act it.”

St. Katharine Drexel



Erwin F. Bogs

January 14, 1939 - February 19, 2026



Erwin F. Bogs, born January 14, 1939, joined his heavenly Father in paradise on February 19, 2026 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Roberta K. Bogs (his "Sweetie"), whom he married May 20, 1961, loving father of Therese Bogs (Wayne Haser) and Mark Bogs, and loving grandfather of Lauren (Jesse) Newbanks, Alexis Diaz-Albertini (Christopher Blackwood), Olivia Bogs, Vanessa Bogs, and Stefanie Bogs. Born to Erwin E. and Frances Bogs, brother to Gilbert, Caroline, Robert, Marie, Coral, Fred, Rosalie, Betty, Louise, and Barbara.

Erwin grew up on the East Side of Chicago and attended Bowen High school, where he met his wife, Roberta, to whom he was happily married for 64 years. Their enduring commitment, true love, understanding, and forgiveness set the best example and foundation for their family. Erwin devoted more than forty years to management in the chemical industry, beginning his career with International Harvester and concluding it with his retirement from Henkel Corporation. He also served his country with distinction, starting in

ROTC during high school and continuing with 22 years in the United States Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of Major. At the same time, Erwin dedicated more than a decade as Director of CCD at St. John's Church in Glenwood, IL where he and his wife raised their children. In 1994, they moved to Monee, IL where he remained deeply involved in both his community and his parish, St. Boniface Church. Erwin was a dedicated servant of the Lord, through eucharistic ministry, lecturing, and working in the parish office. He lived his faith through acts of generosity, kindness, and community involvement.

There are no words that encapsulate who Erwin was or what he meant to everyone he met. He left an indelible mark and his role in people's lives is irreplaceable. Throughout his life, Erwin was always an integral part in anything he participated in. His positive energy and unwavering care for others is a shared experience by all who knew him. Erwin had a wonderful smile, laugh, enthusiasm, and a sense of humor, which he freely shared with everyone; his perfectly timed jokes were his staple. His zest for life never dulled.

He enjoyed traveling, gardening, mowing his lawn, birdwatching, crossword puzzles, baking Christmas cookies, and spending time with his family. After a full day of activities, Erwin relaxed with Roberta in their sunroom watching birds, wildlife and the sunset in his back yard while enjoying his favorite glass of Jack Daniels on the rocks.

Erwin's life was the truest example of what it means to be a great husband, father, friend, and light for others. To know him was to love him, and to be loved by him was an immeasurable honor.

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." — 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 1st (2:00 PM - 7:00 PM) at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 2nd (10:00 AM) at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 5304 W Main St, Monee, IL 60449.

Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W Hoff Road, Elwood, IL 60421.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Erwin's memory can be made to: National Museum of the United States Army (<https://www.thenmusa.org>)

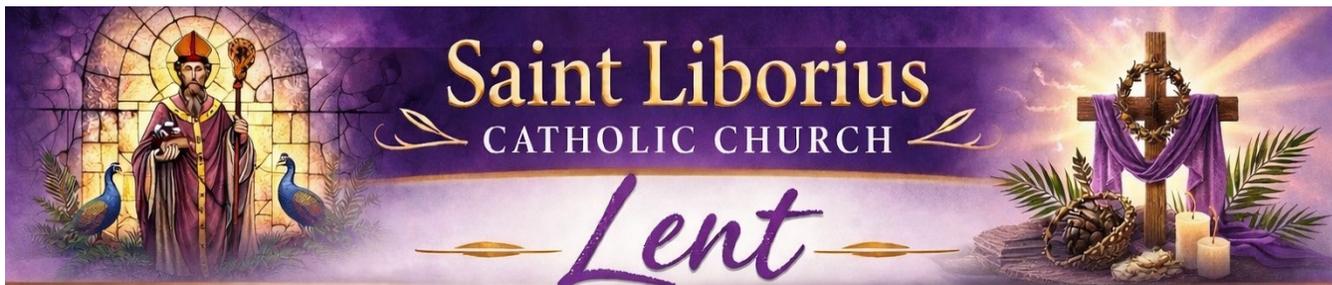
EL VIA CRUCIS

Estaciones en español todos los viernes de cuaresma

Comienza Viernes 2-20-26

7:00pm Español - El Via Crucis

St. Boniface
5304 W. Main St.
Monee, IL 60449



Saint Liborius

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lent

Friday Evenings: February 20 • February 27 • March 13 • March 20 • March 27

(Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – March 6, 5-7pm)



Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM

Including
Exposition & Benediction

Soup & Bread Dinner

Following immediately afterwards
in the parish hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus council #14562



Butter Braids are back!

The sale starts on *Monday, February 23rd* and
ends *Thursday, March 5th*.

You can shop online by following the link below.

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/4ef830ae-5cc0-4c8e-b336-01a0122720f2/4628360>

You can also contact our office to place an order! 708-672-3093

Items Available:

Pastries & Pastry Rolls: Apple, Bavarian Crème, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Four Cheese & Herb, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon Pastry Rolls

Croissant Crowns: Breakfast Crowns, Herb & Cheese Crowns

Cake Rolls: Carrot Cake, Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin, Red Velvet, Strawberry Cheesecake

Pretzels: Soft Pretzels, Pretzel Bites, Soft Pretzel Baking Kit

All orders & payments (check payable to MTCA)

are due no later than *Friday, March 6th*.

Pick up for Butter Braids is scheduled for

Tuesday, March 24th!

(Please remember we do not have freezer space, so all Butter Braids must be picked up on this day.)

Please note: Butter Braids & Cake Rolls are \$18

Soft Pretzels & Croissant Crowns are \$20.

Any questions please contact Stephanie Oviyach in the MTCA office

soviyach@mtcacademy.org 708-672-3093

Thank you for your support!!!

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EL GLAMOUR DE HOLLYWOOD

24201 S. KINGS RD. CRETE, IL 60417
708-672-3093

*Estás invitado a acompañarnos en nuestro
Evento Anual de Primavera*

MAR
SÁBADO | 21 | A LAS 6 PM

Cena con servicio de catering Subastas* Juegos
Rifas* Barra de bebidas* DJ en vivo* Cabina de fotos
Vístete para impresionar* Evento+21*

\$50 POR PERSONA \$90 POR PAREJA \$350 MESA DE 8
\$40 EXALUMNOS JÓVENES
(ANTIGUOS ESTUDIANTES DE 21 A 30 AÑOS)



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Presents
HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR

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*You are invited to join us for our
Annual Spring Event*

MAR
SATURDAY | 21 | AT 6PM

Catered Dinner Auctions* Games* Raffles
Cash Bar* Live DJ* Photo Booth
Dress to Impress* 21 and over*

\$50 PER PERSON \$90 PER COUPLE \$350 TABLE OF 8
\$40 YOUNG ALUMNI
(FORMER STUDENTS AGES 21 - 30)



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CAMPAÑA BE SMART

Almacenamiento seguro
de armas de fuego

Un seminario web gratuito de Zoom
presentado por la Oficina de Escuelas
Católicas.

Miércoles
18 de marzo a las 6:30 p.m.

Únete a Shannon Goodrich y Eve
Krzysik, amigas y madres de la
Diócesis de Joliet, para una
conversación utilizando materiales
respaldados por diez años de
investigación de la campaña **Be
SMART** y lo que han aprendido a lo
largo de seis años de
conversaciones comunitarias.

¡Regístrate hoy!



La serie de talleres para padres Beyond
the Books acompaña a padres y
estudiantes mientras navegamos por el
desafiante mundo que nos rodea.



Nuestros ponentes

Shannon Goodrich

Shannon es feligresa en Visitation en
Elmhurst, consultora de software, esposa,
madre de cuatro hijos y defensora de la
seguridad.

Eve Krzysik

Eve es feligresa en St. Alexis en Bensenville,
profesora de sexto curso, esposa, madre
de tres hijos y superviviente.

La campaña **Be SMART** se lanzó hace diez
años para concienciar sobre que el
almacenamiento seguro de armas –
guardar armas descargadas, con llave y
separadas de la munición– puede salvar
vidas infantiles. **Be SMART** enfatiza que es
responsabilidad de los adultos impedir que
los niños accedan a las armas, y que cada
adulto puede desempeñar un papel en
mantener a los niños y las comunidades
más seguros.

La sesión virtual en directo permitirá
conversaciones y preguntas por chat. También
habrá la oportunidad de recibir materiales tras la
reunión para presentaciones presenciales tanto
en inglés como en español.

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools

Beyond

the Books PARENTING
WORKSHOP
SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD



BE SMART CAMPAIGN

Safe firearms storage

A free Zoom webinar presented by
the Catholic Schools Office.

Wednesday,
March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Shannon Goodrich and Eve
Krzysik, friends and mothers in the
Diocese of Joliet, for a conversation
utilizing materials backed by ten
years of research from the **Be
SMART** campaign and what they've
learned through six years of
community conversations.

Register Today!



The Beyond the Books parenting
workshop series accompanies parents
and students as we navigate the
challenging world around us.



Our Speakers

Shannon Goodrich

Shannon is a parishioner at Visitation in
Elmhurst, software consultant, wife,
mother of four, and safety advocate.

Eve Krzysik

Eve is a parishioner at St. Alexis in
Bensenville, a 6th grade teacher, wife,
mother of three sons, and survivor.

The **Be SMART** campaign was launched
ten years ago to raise awareness that
secure gun storage – storing guns
unloaded, locked, and separate from
ammunition – can save children's lives.
Be SMART emphasizes that it's an adult
responsibility to keep kids from
accessing guns, and that every adult
can play a role in keeping kids and
communities safer.

The live virtual session will allow for
conversation and questions via chat. There
will also be an opportunity to receive
materials after the meeting for in-person
presentations both in English and in Spanish.

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ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



Thursday, March 19, 2026

at the Lincoln Statue in front of the
Illinois Capitol Building.
401 S 2nd St,
Springfield, IL 62701

10AM - Mass for Life, hosted by the Diocese of
Springfield at:

Nelson Center Ice Rink
1601 N 5th Street
Springfield, IL 62702

**Registration for Mass IS required. Please visit:
<https://dio.org/prolife/mass/> to register & for
more information. (Copy and paste link into
search bar)**

1PM - The Rally
2PM - The March
3PM - Lobbying

**Please note that due to limitations placed
upon us by Springfield Public Works, we have
deviated from the usual rally and march
schedule. This year, the rally and march will
take place at a later time to accommodate
local traffic patterns.*

For more information:
<https://www.illinoisprolifemarch.com/the-details>

St. Liborius
Parish
&
St. Boniface
Church

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Erwin Bogs (ebogs@comcast.net)

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday 8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Mass Schedule—see page 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM
Friday 7:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 AM—9:30 AM

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Office Hours

Tuesday 8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Mass Schedule—see page 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 9:00 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



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RETRouvaille
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. It is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend experience, followed by post-weekend presentations, and monthly small group support meetings. The non-profit program is available in your community and has an upcoming weekend soon.

For Information Call: 1-815-246-2080 or HelpOurMarriage.com

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program for Struggling Couples:

- The Retrouvaille Program helps husbands and wives put the pieces of their marriage back together and rebuild loving relationships. Many couples may be separated or divorced and simply want to try again.
- Retrouvaille, pronounced (*Retro-vi*), is a French word meaning "rediscovery".
- It is a Christian program, Catholic in origin, and couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- It is primarily a practical program about improving communication, building a stronger marriage, and helping couples rediscover the love they had for each other.
- Retrouvaille presenters are not trained counselors, but couples who share their personal stories of their marital struggles and the tools they utilized to rediscover their love for each other.

HelpOurMarriage.org



815-246-2080



What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by [giving alms](#); and we practice self-control through [fasting](#). We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this [reflection](#). In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults](#), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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For the battle belongs to the Lord.
1 SAMUEL 17:47

JUNE 26-28, 2026

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